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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/922,559	Applicant(s) BECK ET AL.	
	Examiner Kevin C. Sirmons	Art Unit 3763	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-26, 29 and 31-51 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-26, 29, 31, 32 and 34-50 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 33 and 51 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21-26, 29, 32, 34-36, 38-42, 45 and 48-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Memmen U.S. Pat. No. 5,370,607.

Memmen discloses an ocular apparatus comprising: a medicament containment member (20); a handle (30 and 40); distal and proximal ends are inherent; the device of Memmen is fully capable of performing all of the functions set forth in the claim; as to claim 22, 24-26, 29, 32, (figs. 4 and 5); as to claim 23, (33, 43); as to claims 34-36, 38-42, 45 and 48-50 (see above rejections).

Claims 21, 31, 34, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McClure U.S. Pat. No. 4,512,040.

McClure discloses an ocular apparatus comprising: a medicament containment member (fig. 1); a handle (fig. 1); distal and proximal ends are inherent; the device of Memmen is fully capable of performing all of the functions set forth in the claim; as to claim 31, (28 and 30 are wire like members just as described in applicant's spec.); as to claim 34, 46 and 46, (1).

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Claims 21, 25, 31, 34, 37, 43, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shapiro et al U.S. Pat. No. 5,795,342.

Shapiro discloses an ocular apparatus comprising the elements as claimed (figs. 1-5); as to claims 25, 31, 37, 43, 46 and 47, (figs. 3-5).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33 and 51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin C. Sirmons whose telephone number is 571-272-4965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:00 ALT FRI.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin C. Sirmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a stylized "S".